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## ADJOURNMENT

### Sandgate Electorate

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (8.46 pm): As usual, it has been a busy time in and around my electorate of Sandgate of late and I am pleased to share with the House some of the positive highlights. Last Saturday week I was pleased to join the huge crowd of people who attended the recent Brighton State School fete. The weather was amazing and a great day was had by all.

Over this past weekend I was honoured to officially open the Bracken Ridge State High School 50th anniversary festival celebrations which were attended by current and former students and staff. It was in some ways an unusual anniversary having acknowledged that the school's name changed from Nashville State High School in 2000. During the celebrations I was pleased to catch up with Mark Allison, now Managing Director and CEO of Elders, who was school captain at Nashville State High School in 1977. It has always been a small school which has achieved above expectations. The event provided current and former students and staff the opportunity to catch up, share stories and celebrate the school's milestone.

In other school news, Shorncliffe State School participated in the school's annual sailing regatta at the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club last month. I presented trophies and medallions to students who participate in what I believe is a unique activity for a state primary school which was supported by QCYC volunteers. The QCYC has also recently launched its 2017-18 sailing season. The 2017-18 season includes the 70th Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht Race which will once again start at Shorncliffe in my electorate. I was pleased to speak at the season launch to reiterate the Palaszczuk government's long-term commitment to the QCYC facilities on Cabbage Tree Creek and commitment to sailing in the community.

The government also continues to support active local community organisations in my electorate such as Sandbag. Sandbag delivers a range of support programs in my electorate, including delivery of the very successful Skilling Queenslanders for Work. I have been pleased to join graduates recently at Sandbag to celebrate their Skilling Queenslanders for Work graduations. Through this program, local young and unemployed people are graduating with real qualifications and skills, often heading directly into work, starting apprenticeships or continuing with further study. Program participants recently completed a large building project at the Sandgate office of All About Living, a local aged and community care provider in my electorate.

All About Living was also one of the organisations participating in the Healthy Ageing Expo at Brighton Health Campus held recently. I was honoured to represent health minister Cameron Dick to officially open the expo, which brought together government, non-government and local service providers to engage with the community to promote healthy ageing. We used the occasion to celebrate 70 years of providing health and aged-care services at the Brighton Health Campus, formerly known as

Eventide. I was pleased during the expo to unveil a special timber bench crafted by the Sandgate Men's Shed, now established on the campus, acknowledging some of the staff who have contributed to the many years of aged-care service at Brighton Health Campus. This is just a taste of my vibrant and diverse electorate of Sandgate.